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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: ASSISTANCE TO ABORIGINAL SOCIAL
WORKERS.

REF: STATE OM AUGUST 26, 1975.

1. DO NOT BELIEVE THIS PROJECT APPROPRIATE TO IV PROGRAM
AS (1) IT APPEARS TO BE FOR LONG-TERM STUDY AND TRAINING,
NOT BRIEF BROAD CULTURAL EXPOSURE TO U.S. MORE LIKE AN
AID PROJECT THAN IV; (2) MORE ACADEMICALLY ORIENTED THAN
CULTURAL EXCHANGE ORIENTED.

2. SINCE AAEF TRAVEL GRANTS TO AUSTRALIANS NOW BROADENED TO
INCLUDE "PROFESSIONAL" AS WELL AS PURELY ACADEMIC, BELIEVE
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH PROPOSAL MOST SUITED TO THIS APPROACH.
IF A FEW AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL SOCIAL WORKERS CAN SUBMIT
PROPOSAL TO AAEF SHOWING THAT A PROGRAM HAS BEEN SET UP BY
PROFESSOR GRIFFITHS FOR THEM AND THAT UNIVERSITY UTAH WILL
ACCEPT THEM, AND THAT SUBSISTENCE FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM
SOME SOURCE, POST WILL EXERT FULL EFFORTS TO SECURE AAEF
APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL GRANT (S).

3. TIMING WILL BE A PROBLEM SINCE 1976 TRAVEL AWARD
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 1975. URGE THAT
GRIFFITHS COMMUNICATE TO THE AUSTRALIANS HE HAS IN MIND
THAT THEY SHOULD PRESENT CASE FOR TRAVEL AWARDS TO AAEF.
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